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The Honorable Martha McSally
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman McSally:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 2015, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy regarding the Clean Power Plan for existing power plants that was signed by the Administrator on June 2, 2014, and published in the *Federal Register* on June 18, 2014. The Administrator asked that I respond on her behalf.

Climate change induced by human activities is one of the greatest challenges of our time. It already threatens human health and welfare and our economic well-being, and if left unchecked, it will have devastating impacts on the United States and the planet. Power plants are the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions in the United States, accounting for roughly one-third of all domestic greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed Clean Power Plan builds on what states, cities and businesses around the country are already doing to reduce carbon pollution and establishes a flexible process for states to develop plans to reduce carbon dioxide that meet their needs. We have placed your comments in the docket for this rulemaking.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Josh Lewis in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at lewis.josh@epa.gov or at (202) 564-2095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet G. McCabe", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

Janet G. McCabe
Acting Assistant Administrator